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## Good Move Closer Senate Look At Mysterious CIA In Public Interest

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The decision to add three members of the Foreign Relations Committee to the special panel that is charged with keeping tabs on the Central Intelligence Agency may reflect a further deterioration of support for Administration foreign policy.

Last year, it will be recalled, the Senate, in an extraordinary secret session, defeated a motion by Senator Eugene McCarthy, who proposed that Foreign Relations be represented on the watchdog committee then confined to members of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees.

CPYRGHT The action was generally interpreted as a direct slap at Senator J. William Fulbright, Chairman of Foreign Relations and a severe critic of the Vietnam war. Now, however, by direct invitation of Senator Richard B. Russell, Chairman of the supervisory panel, Fulbright, along with fellow Foreign Relations members, Mansfield and Hickenlooper, will participate.

Aside from any considerations of

war policy, it always has seemed to this newspaper that if it is deemed expedient to keep a Senate eye on how the CIA spends the money Congress makes available to it, the Foreign Relations Committee should be in on the action. The field of foreign relations is its special responsibility, and it is here the Central Intelligence Agency functions.

So far as the general public is concerned the CIA always has been a semi-mysterious agency, functioning in a cloak-and-dagger atmosphere. This may be a necessary stance because of the intricacy of international relations. But if the public is not to know directly about the CIA, the people should at least have the reassurance of knowledge that their elected representatives in Congress do know. And they would have greater confidence in the depth of this information, this newspaper believes, if the Foreign Relations Committee were privy to the secrets of this more or less clandestine outfit.